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SUBJECT: REPORTED PLAN TO SETTLE VAROSHA

REF: STATE 020648

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER JANUARY 28, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CYPRUS/GREECE AFFAIRS EKREM GUVENDIREN DEJLD ABSOLUTELY THE EXISTENCE OF ANY TURKISH GOVERNMENT PLAN TO SETTLE FAMAGUSTA AND VAROSHA. HE FURTHER DENIED THE EXISTANCE OF ANY TURKISH GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE EMIGRATION FROM TURKEY TO NORTHERN CYPRUS. GUVENDIREN NOTED THAT SHOULD THE GOT WISH TO CHANGE THE POPULATION BALANCE IN CYPRUS IT COULD EASILY DO SO BY ENCOURAGING, WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY, THE RETURN OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS NOW RESIDING IN TURKEY AND OTHER PLACES. HE SAID THE GOT HAD NO INTENTION OR DESIRE TO DO SO HOWEVER.

2. GUVENDIREN ADMITTED THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY NON-CYPRIOT TURKS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. HE CLAIMED THAT THERE ARE TWO SEGMENTS WITHIN THIS GROUP. THE FIRST ARE TECHNICAL EXPERTS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO ASSIST THE TFSC IN VARIOUS TECHNICAL MATTERS. THE SECOND GROUP CONSISTS OF ITINERANT WORKERS WHO HAVE EXTENDED TO NORTHERN CYPRUS THEIR TRADITIONAL MIGRATION INTO SOUTH-CENTRAL TURKEY IN SEARCH OF WORK.

GUVENDIREN WOULD NOT ESTIMATE HOW MANY SUCH PEOPLE MIGHT

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PRESENTLY BE ON THE ISLAND, BUT HE WAS FIRM IN HIS CONTENTION THAT

THEY WERE ONLY TEMPORARY RESIDENTS.
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